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CHESS AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS.

By HENRY C. PORTER.

No species of recreation proves truly beneficial unless therefrom some mental acquirement accrues.

One of the most interesting and intricate games of chance is chess. This manœuvring pastime develops the penetrative power and exercises all calculative capabilities that constitute the basis of political and financial transactions. The result of each match lies in the sound judgment evinced by contending, in directing, the moves of their men against the other's advances and rendering impregnable isolated positions upon scientific principles on a board consisting of sixty-four black and white squares of even surface and highly polished.

Each side consists of a king, queen, two bishops, a pair of knights, and as many castles or rooks, besides eight pawns or private warriors placed in front of that court. When actually commencing the contest, the aim of the expert player is to select the strongest situations and place his pieces in such order that the enemy cannot capture any. As a movement ensues in the opponent's camp, try to conjecture the object; worm out the motive; ward off assaults, and by all means the tyro at chess should endeavour to checkmate or castle the invader; by that tact, his troops get weaker and there lies greater scope for action. If pursuing the usual offensive system, secure firm footing and make as few mistakes as possible in attacking. A "neglected move," as in every day life, leads very often to misfortune, and the loss of the best tournament honours. To ensure success dispose the men carefully, and then skillfully charge the chief points of the opposite lines. Considerable experience and a thorough knowledge of the laws and general rules of the game must be acquired to constitute a perfect player that can arrange, act, and conduct operations at will. When well managed infinite interest is excited, and a few leisure hours may be pleasantly passed in this harmless contention. The invention of this difficult amusement is supposed to have occurred during the disastrous and protracted Trojan war about eleven hundred and eighty years preceding the birth of Christ, when Palamedes, a clever Grecian craftsman, to divert the soldiers of that empire, formed a huge board and shaped figures wherewith to concoct a game of chance. The fall of that famous city occurred through the ideal Shon, a skilful competitor at chess, conceiving the idea of constructing the celebrated wooden horse, from the knight used in these minic contests.

Among Asiatics chess is greatly venerated, and the antique Hindostan historians allege that this class of puppets were devised to please King Raven, while Ceylon was being demolished by the Pirate Ramah in the second era of the earth. From our knowledge of the voracity attached to Eastern traditions, we cannot credit the authenticity of this fabulous assertion at all, though, probably, carved characters of curious design were in circulation some centuries before paper playing cards got introduced, and the chess board then held dominion till whist tables wheeled out these untrained troops. During the middle ages chess and draughts bore the palm of indoor pastimes, and was heartily indulged in by our British Kings and Queens.

In the early part of 1700, the Parisian capital occupied an exalted

sphere in gaming connections, and the famous Regency situated in the Palais Royal lost its well-earned literary renown to become the haunt of chess-contenders. Within this spacious, gloomy, and strewed chamber, congregated the powerful and distinguished of Gaul. The intriguing Duc de Richelieu, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Diderot, and licentious dramatists, Voltaire and Gelin, brooded over the game, acquiring greater notoriety than the tobacco dried Germans when a century earlier Gustavus Selenus issued a treatise on chess in Leipzig, principally compiled from the Spanish of King Lopez, and caused the erection of many manœuvring tables in that town. The sanguinary and subtle Robespierre, splendidly attired, often played at chess in the smoky Regency with the lynx-eyed Fouché, and some novelists affirm that this cruel monster spared the life of a Royalist officer in consequence of his beautiful mistress defeating the Dictator at this pastime in male costume; so great was his love of chess, constancy and heroism. In those days facetious and pungent puns circulated pretty freely among

the *habitués* of these gaming hells, wherein the mighty and miserable spent fortune and leisure watching with tiger-like constancy the progress of various species of sport. For many seasons Moutet, proprietor to the Orleans dynasty in France, conducted the moves of the far-famed automation chess-player, constructed by Maelzel with such precision as to deceive the most curious. The secret at length attracted the observation of an astute German conjuror in one of the Continental cities where it was exhibiting, and during one of the mechanism scores he contrived to create confusion by raising the alarm of "fire," which, overestimating Moutet's presence of mind with a momentary panic; imagining his person in peril, he threw down the effigy in effecting his escape and exposed the cavity wherein he was hid; this catastrophe completely ruined the performance and no more was seen of the tricksters. The respected and eminent Benjamin Franklin on visiting Europe became a frequent visitor of the cities, and evinced considerable interest in its attendants; besides indulging in aquatic and other health-giving exercises with marvellous punctuality. When lieutenant of artillery Napoleon Bonaparte was a superb chess-player, though few were so rapid in moving and possessed such talent for tricks as M. Deschamps, who vanquished the most scientific campaigners in France through profound conception, which his biographers state was gained in four days, and that he preserved one simple form of play. This able genius attributed his unparalleled endowments to a severe fracture received through the person in an exciting skirmish when very young with Prussian cavalry. Legelle, Boudon, Bernard, Boudonville, Moutet Morphey, St. Arnaud, Philidor, and our Herr Lowenthal rank conspicuous among the popular players. Though in the far west, chess obtains powerful advocacy among the recent war-weary denizens of New York, and the States of Confederation, where it will attain prominence when better and brighter dawn o'er this at first harassed land.

A few worshippers of Calaisa are generally found lounging within the divans of the Bief, and at taverns that intersect the mighty world of London at times friendly chess tournaments tend to diffuse the reciprocity of brotherhood among the sons of toil, and often enhance the hours of session from labour in mechanics institutes and reading rooms. About our commercial cities tournaments are likewise played by correspondence betwixt antagonists many miles apart, and the "moves" regularly communicated by telegraph and other extraordinary contrivances, every "change" on the board being noted with strict scrutiny.

As a labour pastime, chess occupies a prominent part, and now as formerly, forms an indispensable appendage to the indoor recreations of aristocratic circles. Though like all other pastimes, much tact, skill and thorough understanding of all fundamental foundation is requisite to become an adept in this scientific contest. At various recent periods entertainments and solvers have been arranged between some of our greatest campaigners, and the inauguration of the holiday fare to other side of Backstairs, o'er the Thames, relies chiefly upon an immense game of chess, wherein the pantomimic characters dressed in the various garbs appertaining to these chequered planks perform curious and diverting extravagant antics in a way that cannot fail, procuring unbounded appreciation and mirth from all lovers of caisses. Their embodiment strongly recalls the ancient legends related concerning the celebrated German Knights Erast of chess, who enjoyed the wild perils of the wayside better than quiet quarters within baronial retirements.

• The New Surrey Theatre (pantomime), 1865-6.



MR. ROBERTS, the Champion Billiard Player of England.

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OUR GENTLEMEN RIDERS.

Mr. H. B. COVENTRY.

(From *Billy's Magazine*.)

Mr. H. B. Coventry is the eldest son of the Hon. Henry Coventry, one of the most sterling supporters of Melton Mowbray, having resided there for twelve years, and maintaining the hospitality of olden times. He was born in 1842, and his translation from his cradle to his "sheltie" was as rapid as his years and strength would permit. His education was commenced at Eton, where he was contemporary with Sir Frederick Johnstone, and it is singular that the two Monarchs should afterwards figure in the title page of the same periodical. Being destined for the army, Mr. Coventry did not accompany his friend to Oxford, but pursued his studies abroad, under the charge of a private tutor at Blois, where he made the acquaintance and enjoyed the friendship of M. St. Germain, who came to such a melancholy end while riding in a steeple chase at Spa in September. Our hero's first introduction to hounds was with Lord Wemyss, when he was led by a groom with a leading rein; and after he had been out a few times, the M. H. and his friends said the colt would do, and there need be no fear about him. In 1852, and in the tenth year of his age, the *poussé Julius* began his career at Melton, his powerful rival being the Hon. Seymour Egerton, who, on a famous pony called Spectre, used to delight the whole field by the boldness of his riding. Master Coventry, however, on Billy Button, an equally good performer across country, was not very easy to be stalled off, and there is no doubt that much of the repute he has since acquired as a jockey is to be attributed to the practice he thus acquired, and the rivalry with which he was then imbued. In 1859, Mr. Coventry, as we must now style him, entered the Grenadier Guards, and it was not long before he donned the silk jacket, and joined the corps of gentlemen riders, in the strictest sense of the word. The first time we find his name figuring on a card was in the Grand Military Steeplechase at Warwick, when he ran second, on Col. Burnaby's Marly, to Major Wombwell's Fanny, and on the following day he scored his maiden win on him in a Scurry Handicap beating several others. The ice being broken he went on to Cheltenham with him, and won a race there, beating, among others, Fordham's celebrated mare Levity, then in great form. At Bugby, the following year, he again won the Veteran's Race upon Bounce, and by this time had earned a reputation of being second to none in the brigade across country. In 1863, Mr. Coventry's connection with Mr. Angell commenced, and led to his being brought before the public



MR. T. MORRIS, the famous Billiard Player.

on a better stamp of horse and in a more prominent manner; and he went to Baden-Baden to ride Bridgroom for him in the Grand Steeple Chase there. From the fact of the horse having won the Grand National at Market Harborough, and with a rider of such reputation upon him, he was backed against the field. The result, however, was another illustration that the race is not always to the swift, for Mr. Angell, thinking that the brook had better be taken in and out than at a fly, gave orders to his jockey accordingly, and the horse being disappointed at the onset, never acted afterwards. Mr. Angell's next mount for his friend was a more successful one, for it stamped him to possess all the requisites of a jockey, both on the flat and across country. We allude, of course, to his counselling Alcibiade to him for the Grand National, at Liverpool, in March last. His friends, it is needless to say, were perfectly satisfied, but the Ring and prejudiced portion of the public would have it that a Guardsman could only prepare himself for a race of this description on sodas and brandies and large cigars, and consequently would be certain to tire before his horse. Never were "the fallacies of the faculty" more glaringly exhibited, as Mr. Coventry came to the post as fit as Alcibiade himself; and after as fine a finish between him and Captain Tompest on Hall Court, as was ever witnessed on the Rowley Mile, he won by a neck amidst cheering as loud as it was merited. For although Alcibiade had been very highly tried with Agnes and Bridgroom, it was patent to all that Hall Court went the fastest; but his rider, likewise a fine specimen of the gentleman jockey, had not sufficient strength to keep him together, and therefore the victory was mainly due to Mr. Coventry's judgment in coming at the precise moment with his horse. One of his next best performances was at Wetherby during the time of the Grand National Hunt Steeple Chase, when, on his old favourite Bridgroom, he beat Mr. Alec Goodman on Mr. Bidgood's Bridgroom, after a tremendous race, by a length. Since then Mr. Coventry has been rising with various success all over the country, strictly maintaining the character of a gentleman jockey, and setting an example, by his habits and conduct, that others might well follow. In the slang of the day, such as we hear too frequently in the mouths of gentlemen who ride, he may be deficient; but because his conversation does not savour of "shanties," "drags," and "dead-uns," he does not suffer less in the estimation of society, and proves that a cadet of a noble family may ride either a flat race or a steeple chase, with a professional jockey, without catching the rust of their manners, or unfitting himself for a drawing-room. Would there were more like unto him!

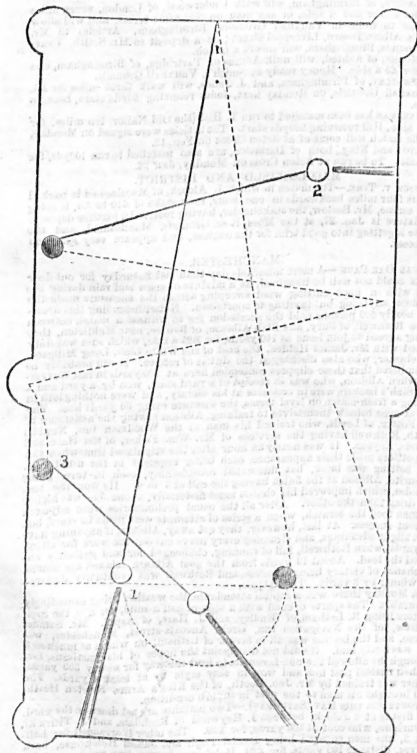


FIG. 16.—ANGLES OF THE TABLE.
Stroke showing the law of angles. The plain line is the angle of incidence; the dotted lines the angles of reflexion. 2. Angle-doubt without side stroke. 3. A jenny.

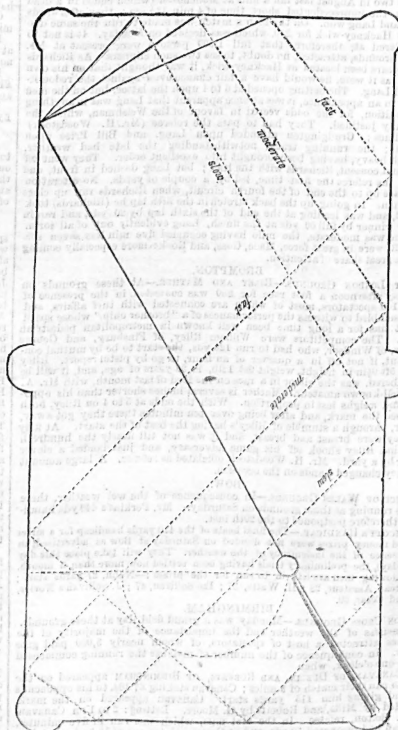


FIG. 17.—Illustration of Strengths.

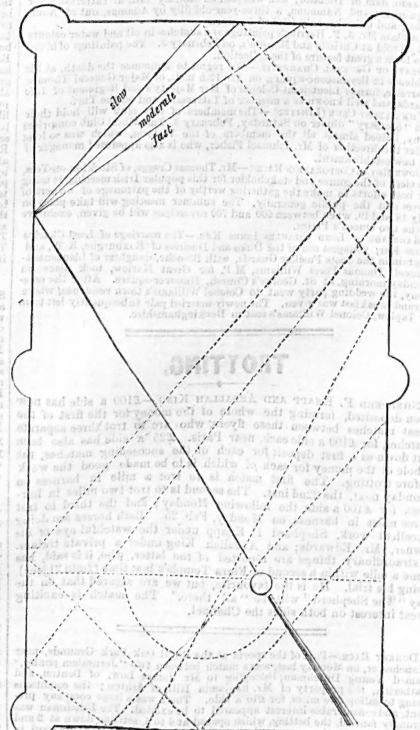


FIG. 18.—Strengths and Angles.

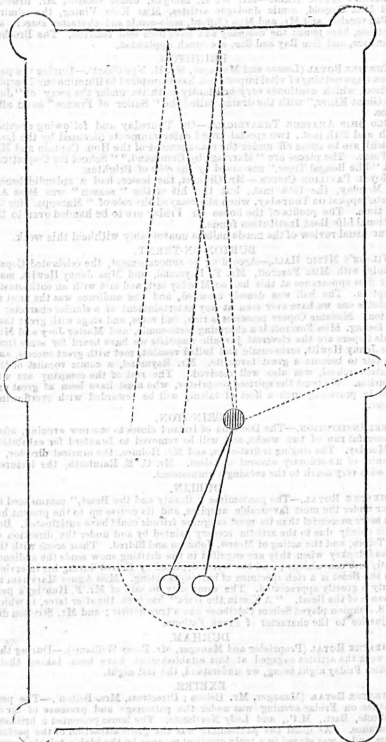


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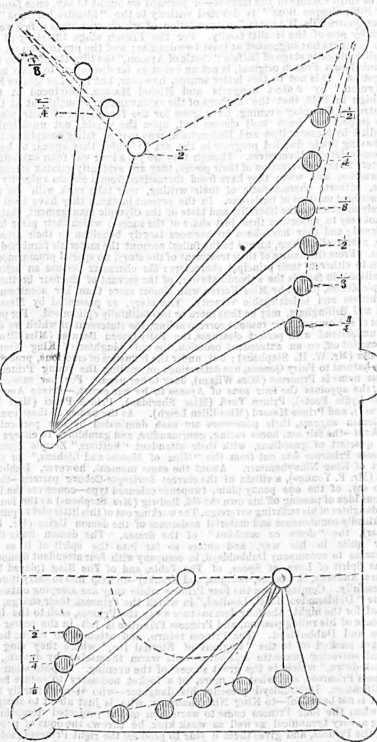


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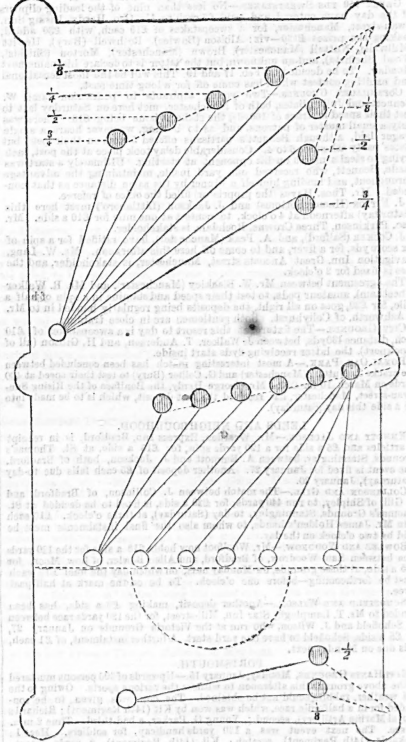
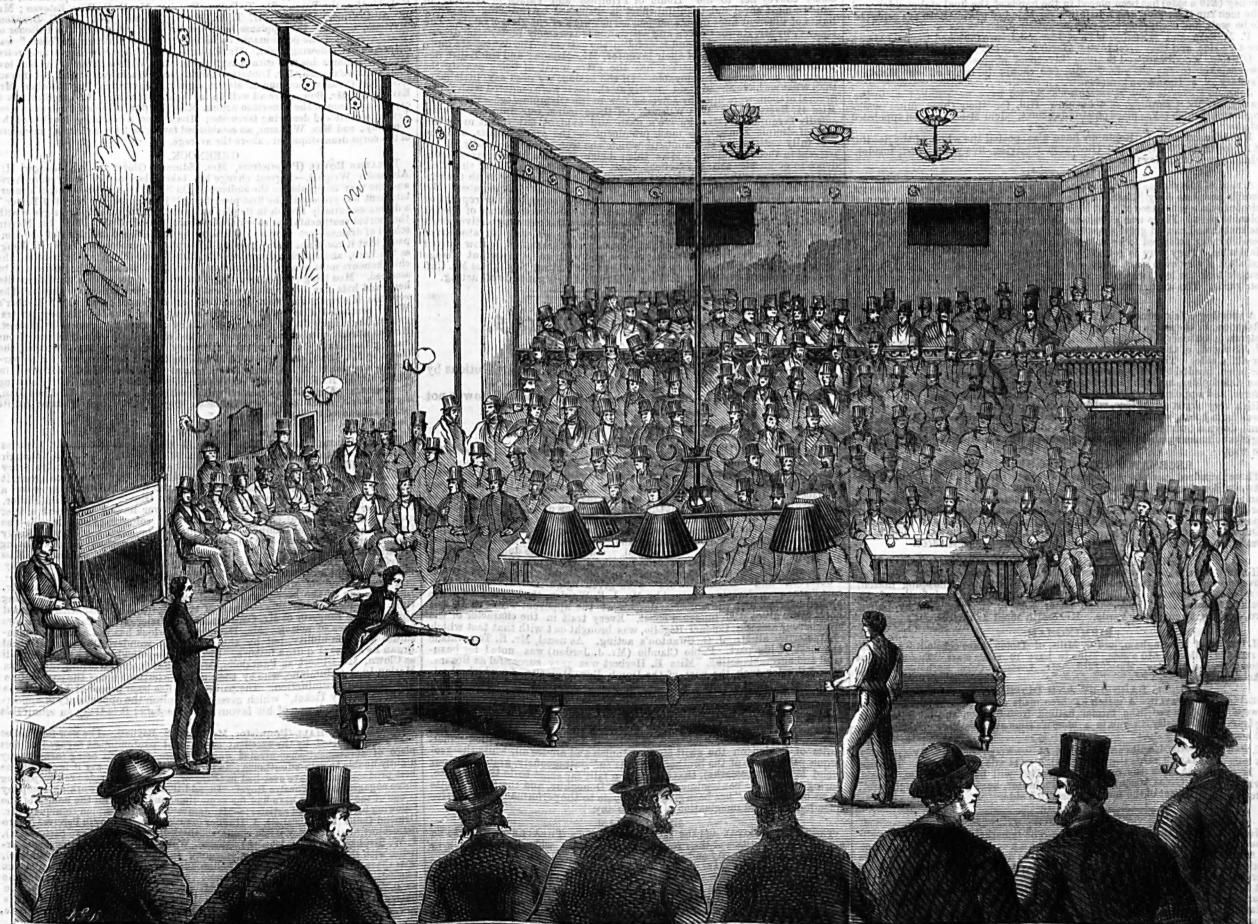


Fig. 6.—Losing hazards without side-stroke:

DIAGRAMS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE GAME OF BILLIARDS.



THE LATE BILLIARD ROOM OF THE DR. JOHNSON TAVERN, NOW THE VICTORIA CLUB.

DAY'S CONCERT HALL.—The splendid new ballet, "The Palace of Enchantment," continues the gem of this establishment. The sylph-like dancing of the

OLYMPIC.

THEATRE ROYAL (Lessee and Manager, Mr. W. Raymond; Stage Manager, J. H. Butler).—Some dramas have been produced here during the past

(To the Editor of the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS.)

SIR,—Noticing a paragraph in your last week's impression respecting the Comic Music Hall, Bishop Auckland, I am tempted to reply a few particulars. I spent the above hall for eight weeks. The salaries were only paid every Saturday noon, although it was well known by all that I was losing money weekly that I made no secret of. The company received money from me during the week, more or less, and more would have been advanced had I got it by me. I left them the room on Saturday (the best night of the week), to make what they

CANINE.

PRIZE DOGS.—Mr. T. Wootton, Mapperley, near Nottingham, has long been distinguished for his superb breed of fox, or kennel terriers. He has taken leading prizes at all of the principal dog shows in the country; and, as many of his prize winners have been sold at high figures, and dispersed over various parts of the kingdom, he has thought it expedient to have their portraits taken in a collective group. The commission was confided to Mr. E. W. Turner, New Sneyton, Nottingham, a gentleman whose artistic efforts in animal painting have been repeatedly referred to in well merited terms of approval. The portraits are essentially life-like; the attitudes natural and easy, yet full of spirit; and so happily are the distinctive features delineated, that the dogs, while they all exhibit a general resemblance, evince each a marked individuality. The landscape is Wilford; the dogs are grouped under one of the fine old trees that overspread the Trent bank at this picturesque village, and a reach of the noble river,

Oremore, 1864. Champion Class—1st Alexandra Park, 1864. Trap, 1st Islington, 1863; 2nd Worcester, 1863; 2nd Birmingham, 1863; 2nd Alexandra Park, 1864. Huntsman's Tartar, 2nd Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1864; highly commended Alexandra Park, 1864; ditto Nottingham, 1864; ditto Brighton, 1861. Grove Nettle, 3rd Manchester, 1864; 1st Brighton, 1865. Jack, 2nd Halifax, 1864. Patch, 2nd Islington, 1862.

SHOOTING.

HORNSBY WOOD.

JAN. 13.—The weather being so rough deterred a great many from attending the grounds to-day. Nevertheless, several of Barber's best blues suffered, and a deal of bye-shooting took place.

WELSH HARP, HENDON.

JAN. 15.—The lovers of the gun and sportsman generally assembled here in great numbers on Monday, by invitation of Mr. Page, of the Grapes, Ger-

lose, as the performer just managed to drag through, having his last bird to kill to win, which he accomplished in first-rate style. Afterwards Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tagg shot a match at 7 birds each, for £2 a side, from five traps, 25yds apart, the use of both barrels, 11oz. of shot. They both fired, killing six out of seven. They then doubled the stakes, and shot it off at 6 birds each, when Mr. Taylor won, killing three to his opponent's two. They afterwards shot for £5 a side on the same conditions, 7 birds each, when Mr. Tagg won, killing six out of seven. They shot for another £10, at 4 birds rise, 25yds rise, when Mr. Tagg was again hailed the winner, killing five to his opponent's four. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tagg, and Mr. H. Webb, then entered a sweepstakes of £5 each, 11 birds each, from 5 traps, 25 yards rise, when Mr. Webb won at the tenth round, having killed eight out of ten. Mr. Tagg and Mr. W. Page afterwards shot at 3 birds each, for £5 a side, the same conditions, when they both died, each killing two out of three. They then shot it off bird for bird, when Mr. Page won by killing, his opponent not being so fortunate, his bird just falling out of bounds. There was a deal of bye-shooting, and Hammond found some of the best birds ever trapped. Score:—

Tagg 1111011-01010-111011
Taylor 1111110-11010-11001



ROOKE, the Celebrated Puffin.

calm as the surface of a mirror, gives a sylvan tranquillity to the scene. Huntsman's Tartar and Jack are intently gazing at a squirrel in the branches of the tree; Jim and Grantham Nettle, on the left, seem to have their attention attracted by the same object; Patch, sitting on the haunches, well shows the symmetry of chest, neck and head; Trap and Jack, the latter wearing his blue ribbon with an air of conscious pride, are standing looking in an opposite direction; Venus, also a cordon bleu, is lying down in dowd-like dignity, looking in the direction of a rat just killed, which Grove Nettle is smelling at with an expression of mingled hostility and contempt. The whole group is spirited and graceful, and one may almost gather from the attitudes and expressions of features, the different tempers of the dogs. We append a return of the successes of Mr. Wootton's dogs:—Jack, 1st prize, Birmingham, 1863; 1st Crenmore, 1863; 1st Halifax, 1863; 1st Manchester, 1863; 1st Nottingham, 1863; 1st Islington, 1864; 1st Alexandra Park, 1864; 1st Nottingham, 1864. Champion Class.—2nd prize, Birmingham, 1864; 2nd Manchester, 1864; 1st Islington, 1865; 1st Brighton, 1865; 1st Birmingham, 1865; 1st Manchester, 1865. Venus, 2nd Birmingham, 1863; 2nd Crenmore, 1863; 2nd Halifax, 1863; 1st Birmingham, 1864; 1st

rad-street, to shoot for a handsome silver cup by seven members, 1 sov entrance, the conditions being a handicap (made on the ground), seven birds each, from five traps, the use of both barrels, 11oz shot. Mr. Gardiner, one of our "regulars" at Hornsey Wood, won, killing six out of seven, the only bird he missed just falling dead out of bounds. Afterwards four sweepstakes, 15s each, were got through, Messrs. Webb and Smythe killing four out of five, and dividing the first prize. Mr. Smythe won the second, Mr. Page the third, and Mr. Wilson the fourth, each killing all his birds.

THE CUP SWEEPSTAKES.
Page, 25 yards 1011010-0-0 01111-1111-1110
Wilson, 25 0110111 1011-1111-1111
Gardiner, 25 1111011-11010-1101 01
Webb, 24 0-0 10111-0-0 100-0-0
Middy, 23 010 0-0 0-0
Cotton, 23 101101 0-0 0-0
Rogers, 22 0-0 10111-11111-0-0 10
Smythe, 23 0-0 10111-11111-0-0 10

ROSEMARY BRANCH, PECKHAM.

JANUARY 12.—There was an unusually large attendance at these grounds this day to witness a match where a gentleman from Suffolk had backed himself at long odds to kill 14 birds out of 21, on the Sheffield terms. A well-known man on the turf backed the birds at 6 to 4, but he was destined to

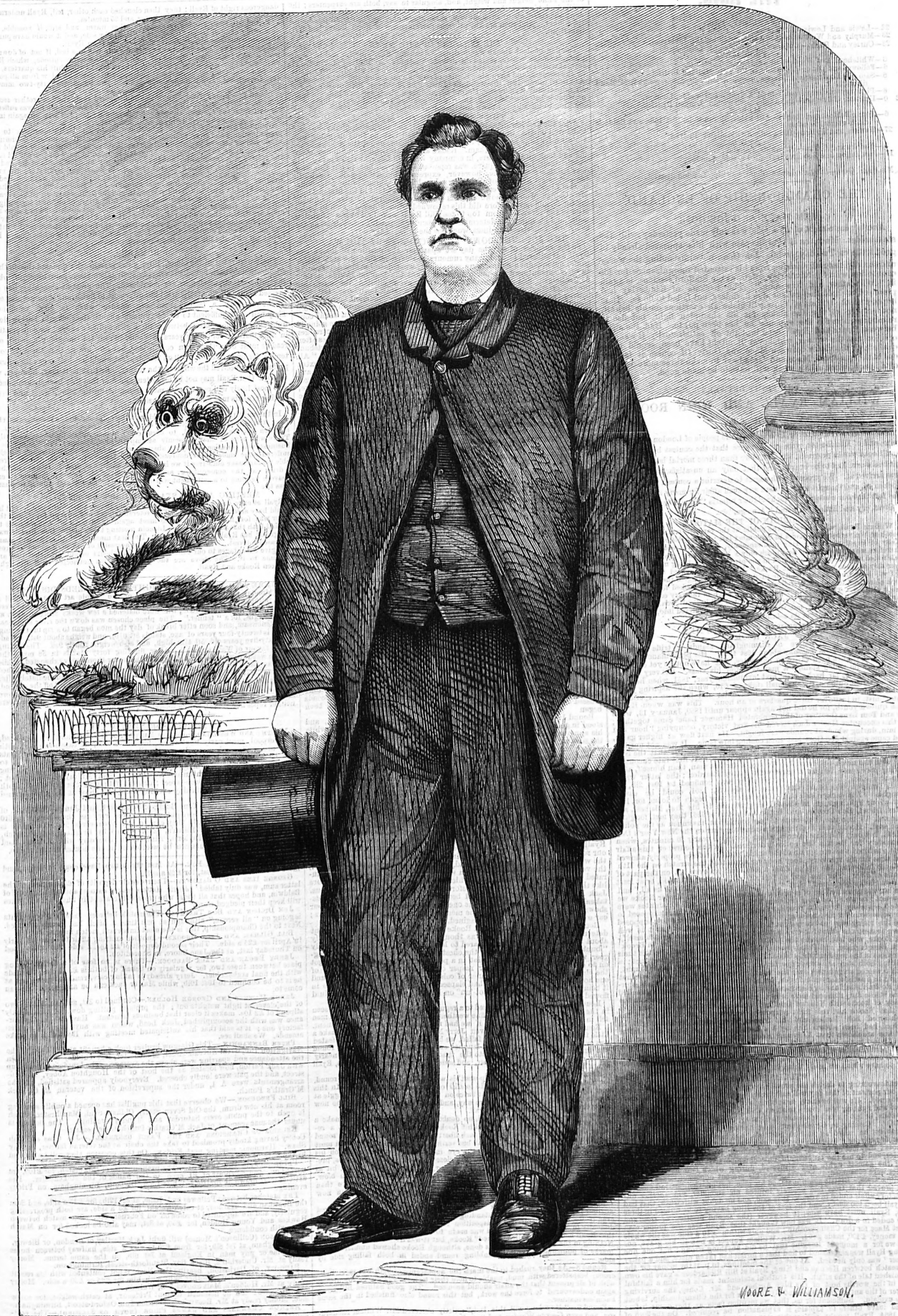
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Double rises.
Tagg 0-0-1-0-1-0-1
Taylor 0-0-1-0-1-0-1-0
SWEEPSTAKES, £5 EACH.
H. Webb 1111010111-1-8
Tagg 1010001111-7
Taylor 110101010-6
W. Page 101-1 MATCH. Tagg 011-0
MATCH BETWEEN MESSRS WARRELL AND PAGE.
These gentlemen, who were to shoot for £100 in the London district in a few weeks, have declared off as Mr. Warrell would not agree to Page's conditions, and consequently Mr. Warrell's deposit of £25 has been returned to him.

CURLING.

PEBBLES CURLING CLUB.—A meeting of the members of this club was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday evening. The election of officers-bearers and the appointment of a committee of management having been got through, a large number of gentlemen were formally proposed and admitted as members of the club, and Sir Adam Hay, Bart, Robert Hay, Esq, of Hayston, and Athole Hay, Esq, were elected honorary members.



WILLIAM RYALL, of Birmingham, the well-known Pugilist.

EXTRA CANINE

BREASTFEED BEVERAGE—Homoeopathic Practitioners, and the Medical Profession generally, recommend cocoa as being the most healthful of all beverages. The doctrine of homoeopathy was first introduced into this country there were to be obtained no preparations of cocoa either attractive to the taste or acceptable to the stomach; it was either supplied in its native state, or so unskillfully manufactured as to render it almost insupportable. Good homoeopathic chemists, who had been in the year 1850 to turn his attention to this subject, and at length succeeded, with the assistance of delicate machinery, in being the first to produce an article which was both palatable and acceptable to the delicate stomach.

The general use of Epps's cocoa is distinguished as an invigorating, grateful beverage, with a delicious aroma. Dr. Hays, in his work on "The Hygiene of Infancy," says:—"It is one of the great variety of important considerations attending the management of children, to see that they have sufficient nutriment of the kind necessary to the growth and maintenance of the body." Again, "As a nutritive, cocoa is much richer than milk, coffee or tea." Thrice—and two times as rich as milk.

Secured in tin-lined tins, by cup, filled up with sugar, and sealed in packets, and sold at 16. ea. per lb., by grocers, confectioners and chemists.



SPORTS OF THE SEASON.—HUNTING, No. 1.—GOING TO COVER.

CRICKET.**SURREY COUNTY CLUB.**

At the Friarage Hotel, London-bridge, Surrey side, on Friday, the annual general meeting of the members of the above club took place. As the subjects to be discussed were of considerable interest, especially with regard to the professionals of the North, there was a very large attendance. About half-past four the president, H. Marshall, Esq., took the chair; and Mr. Burrup read the circular convening the meeting.

The President said the establishment of the Surrey Club was for the purpose of affording good cricket, and he should like to see the members cordially act together to promote that object.

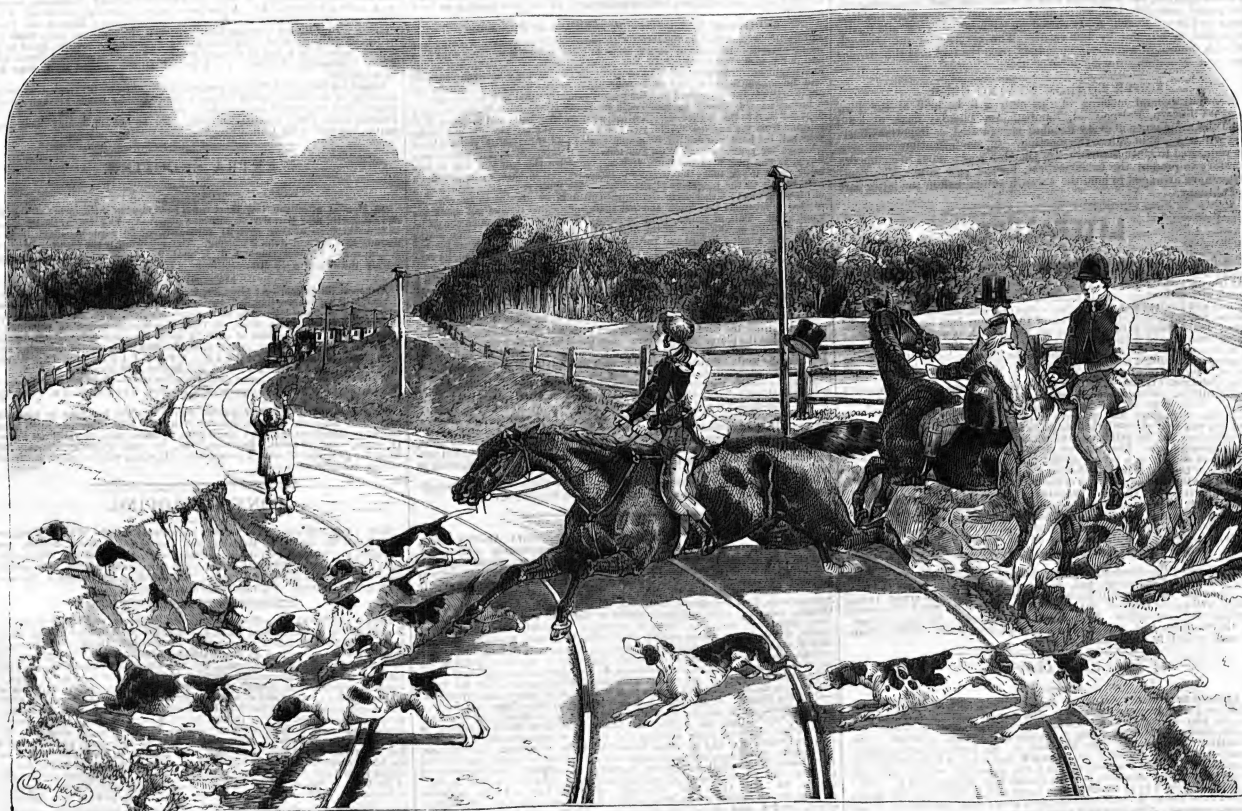
Mr. Barron then rose and commented on the character of the Surrey matches played, wherein G. Parr, Hayward, Carpenter, and Tarrant, and the Yorkshire players did not take part. He should like to know whether any prospect had been shown them.

The President said he was certain no wrong had been done to them by the committee; and every opportunity had been afforded to the northern men to state their grievance if they had any. In fact, he could find nothing tangible, although he had made many inquiries.

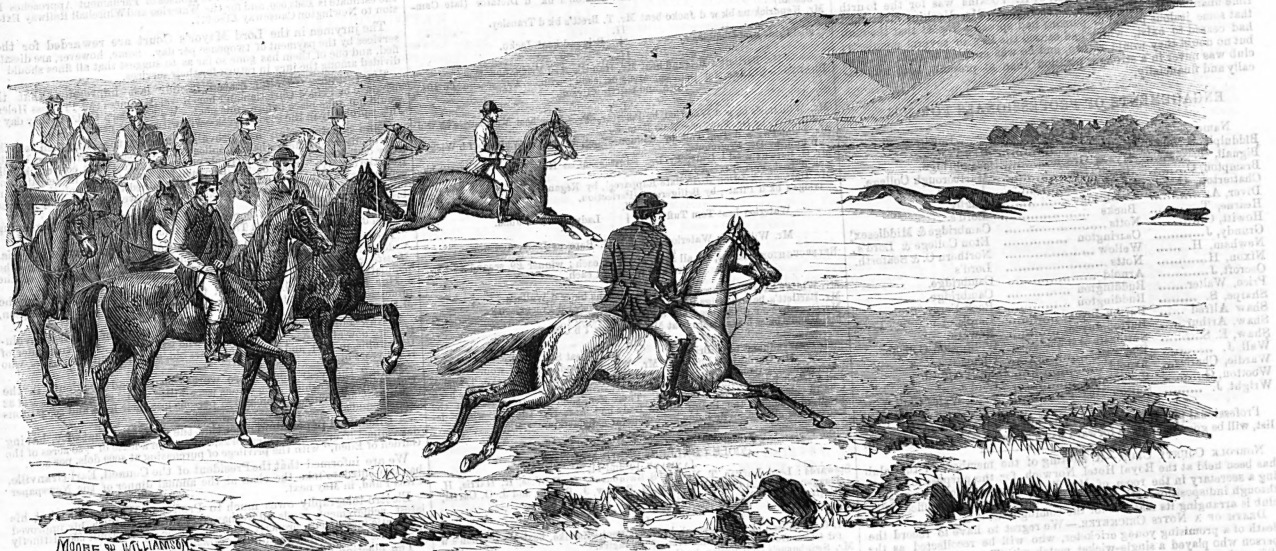
Dr. Jones said that previous to any discussion the first thing in order was the election of officers; and he proposed that H. Marshall, Esq., be re-elected as president.

This being duly seconded, the motion was carried unanimously, as was also the re-election of the Hon. F. Ponsonby as vice-president, and Mr. Charles Hoare as treasurer.

Mr. Burrup then rose and begged to place his resignation as secretary in the hands of the meeting. He then went into particulars with regard to anonymous writers, who for the last three years had tried every endeavour to annoy him; but he would not condescend to notice them, as he was certain that, for eleven years past, in his official capacity he had used every endeavour to promote good cricket, and especially the interests of the Surrey Club. Mr. Burrup then read a very elaborate report, stating the progress of the club from the time he took office up to the present, showing that from 240 there were now upwards of 1,000 members. He then read some statistical accounts of the expenditure and receipts of the club for several years, which showed that in some instances there were great losses, but happily they were got over, and the balance sheet of the past year showed their prosperous condition. The receipts, as far as they had gone, were found



NARROW ESCAPE OF MR. GARTH'S FOXHOUNDS WHILE HUNTING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF VIRGINIA WATER.



SPORTS OF THE SEASON.—COURSING, No. 2.—"IN FULL PURSUIT."

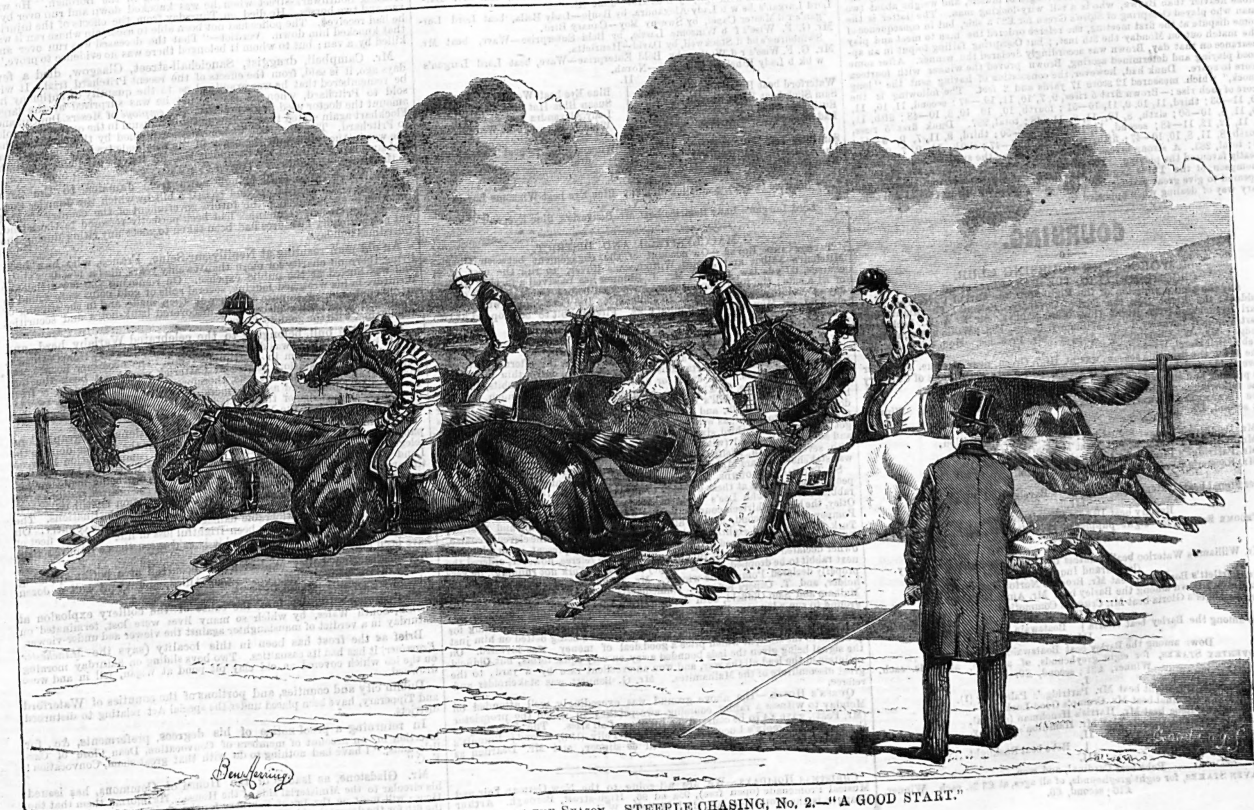
to be £2,516 2s. 4d., and the expenditure £2,097 1s., leaving a favourable balance of £418 18s. 4d. Mr. Burrup then entered on an able defence with regard to the attacks that had been made upon him, and went fully into the matter with respect to the northern professionals, especially concerning the part he had taken respecting the Australian engagement. Mr. Burrup concluded amidst much cheering. Some further discussion followed, after which Dr. Jones moved "That Mr. W. Burrup be re-elected as secretary." Mr. F. Oliver briefly seconded the motion, and it was carried, there being only three dissentients. Mr. Burrup, in accepting the office of secretary, acknowledged the compliment paid to him by his re-election. The committee for the ensuing year were then appointed. They

are as follows:—Messrs. F. Burbridge, F. P. Miller, John Walker, V. E. Walker, M. Catley, J. Burrup, E. Garland, J. Grove, D. Lambert, H. Mortimer, D. Moad, B. Roberts, H. Scott, Charles Walker, T. Burbridge, W. Catley, E. Dowson, A. Knox, W. O. Quilter, M. Barron, G. Mason, J. George, and Dr. Jones. The auditors appointed were Messrs. Thomas and Whitley. Mr. W. Burrup then proposed that Humphrey, Lockyer, Pooley, Stephenson, Cesar, Martlock, Griffith, and Jupp be the professional supernumerary bowlers to the club. A vote of thanks to the president brought the meeting to a close. The following are the proposed matches for the season:—Surrey v. Sussex. Surrey v. Kent. Surrey v. Yorkshire. Surrey v. Middlesex. Surrey v. Nottinghamshire. Surrey v. Lancashire. Surrey v. Cambridge University. Surrey v. Oxford University. Surrey v.

South of England. Surrey v. England. Gentlemen of England v. Players of the North v. Players of the South. Surrey Club and Ground v. M.C.C. and Ground. Surrey Club and Ground v. Southgate. Surrey Club and Ground v. Essex. Surrey Club v. South Wales Club. Surrey "Colts" v. Wimbledon. Surrey Club v. Gentlemen of Scotland. Surrey Club and Ground v. Hampshire.

CAMDEN CLUB.

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